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In re application of:

Alan R. Brooks, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/803,126

Filed: March 9, 2001

For: ESTROGEN-REGULATED
UNCONVENTIONAL MYOSIN-
RELATED PROTEIN: COMPOSITIONS
AND METHODS OF USE

Examiner: Samuel W. Liu

Art Unit: 1653

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 1, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-11, drawn to an isolated polynucleotide encoding estrogen regulated myosin-related protein (MRP), expression cassette cloned in a vector, and an isolated host cell for the expression.

The foregoing election is made with traverse. Examination of the subject matter recited in the claims of Groups I-XI would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the Restriction Requirement and to consider claims 1-39 together in the present case.

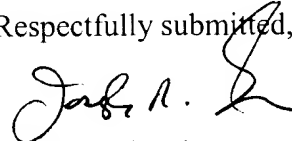
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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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